

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 26 – HB 16**

January 23, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a county legislative body to call for a run-off election between tied candidates for offices filled by votes of a single county or civil service district.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$9,000/Per Run-Off Election/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- The county legislative body is currently authorized to cast the deciding vote in elections resulting in a tie. The legislative body would have the choice of casting the deciding vote or holding a run-off election.
- The number and timing of such elections resulting in a tie and the subsequent decision of the county legislative body to cast the deciding vote or to hold a run-off election cannot be reasonably determined.
- According to the Secretary of State, a run-off election held during a general election would result in no additional cost for local governments.
- In the event that a run-off election is a special, stand-alone, election, the cost to administer such election would vary from county to county.
- According to the Secretary of State, the cost of one stand-alone election could vary from \$9,000 to \$100,000 depending on the election type and the location of such election. Any increase in local government expenditures would be permissive.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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